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BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION
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1. STRIKE DATA REPORTS THAT THE RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE ON ROUTE 10 AT NINH BINH WAS THE OBJECT OF AN AIR STRIKE ON 15 JUNE 1965 BY TWELVE US NAVY A-4C AIRCRAFT, SUPPORTED BY THIRTY-SIX ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT.

2. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF BLUE SPRINGS

REVEALED A FOUR-SPAN (TWO THROUGH TRUSS-TYPE AND TWO DECK-TYPE SPANS) RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SONG DAI (RIVER) ON ROUTE 10 AT NINH BINH. THE SOUTHERN THROUGH TRUSS-TYPE SPAN HAD BEEN DROPPED INTO THE RIVER.

3. PHOTOGRAPHY OF

REVEALS

RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT THE NINH BINH RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE. THREE OF THE FOUR SPANS ARE PROBABLY SERVICEABLE AND CONSTRUCTION IS IN PROGRESS ON THE FOURTH SPAN. A CONSTRUCTION BARGE IS OBSERVED UNDER THE INCOMPLETE SPAN. CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL AND POL DRUMS ARE STOCKPILED AT THE NORTHEASTERN APPROACH TO THE BRIDGE. A PONTOON BRIDGE IS LOCATED 500 FT NORTHWEST OF THE RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE, THE CENTER SECTION OF WHICH HAS BEEN REMOVED TO ALLOW PASSAGE OF A SHIP. A SECOND PONTOON BRIDGE (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC), WHICH ALSO HAS A SECTION REMOVED, IS

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